**Chapter 14 Topic Question:**

Assess the relative importance of THREE of the following as factors in the development of the American economy between 1790 and 1860:

Westward Movement Transportation Developments

Immigration Industrialization and Technological Inventions

**Chapter 14 Objective Questions:**

1. What was life on the frontier like?
2. What is meant by the term “provincial in their attitudes” and how does this term relate to people of the American frontier?
3. What were conditions like in the rapidly growing American cities between 1800 and 1860?
4. What is meant by the term “ecological imperialism?”
5. Who is George Catlin and what did he advocate?
6. What two nations caused explosive growth in America’s immigrant population during the 1840s and 1850s and why did so many from those countries come to live here?
7. Why did the Irish tend to stay in the eastern seaboard cities and why did the German often move to the Midwest?
8. What are the reasons for *nativist* opposition to the immigration of the Irish and the Germans?
9. What was the name of the nativist organization that developed during the 1850s?
10. Why were many Native-Born Americans fearful of Catholic immigrants?
11. How important were the immigrants who arrived before 1860 to the American economy?
12. Who was the “Father of the Factory System” in the US
13. Who invented the Cotton Gin and what was the invention’s significance?
14. Where was the major market for southern cotton?
15. What was the significance of Whitney’s development of interchangeable parts?
16. Between employer and employees, who received most of the benefits of the early factory system?
17. What were the inventions of: Samuel F.B. Morse; Cyrus Field; Cyrus McCormick, and Robert Fulton?
18. How important were women and children to the American workforce of the early 19th century?
19. How did enfranchisement help the lot of adult wage earners?
20. What decision was made in the case of *Commonwealth? Hunt?*
21. What was the “cult of domesticity?”
22. What effects did the change in the workforce have on American families of the 19th century?
23. What effect did the early 19th century industrialization have on the economy of the trans-Allegheny West?
24. What was the first transportation project to link the East to the trans-Allegheny West?
25. Where were the steamboats mostly used? (don’t say on water)
26. Which waterway began the canal era of America history and what impact did its complications have on farming in New England?
27. Which section was the site of most early railroad construction?
28. How were Railroads superior to canals and what were the early drawbacks of railroads?
29. What impact did the transportation revolution have on the national economy?
30. What impact did the continental market economy have on the public perception of the home?
31. How did industrialization and improvements in transportation effect wages and the standard of living for Americans?